

**MICHIGAN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION  
AND TREATMENT BOARD**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**April 30, 2004**

**\*\*\* APPROVED – JUNE 18, 2004 \*\*\***

**Members Present:**

The Honorable Amy Krause, Chair  
Gwendolyn Brown  
Marie Donigan  
Mary Beth Kur  
Lore Rogers

**Staff Present:**

Michelle Bynum  
Debi Cain, Executive Director  
Celestine Colton  
Debbie Felder-Smith  
Carol Hackett Garagiola  
Julie Giddings

Sarah Heuser  
Josie Jubb  
Mary Lovik  
Barbara Mills  
Karen Porter  
Melissa Williams

**Guests:**

Donna Cornwell, Center for Women in Transition (Holland)  
Tom Cottrell, YWCA Grand Rapids  
Larmender Davis, My Sisters Place/Women's Justice Center (Detroit)  
Patrice Eller, FIA Adult & Family Services  
Bret Finzel, Shelter Inc. (Alpena)  
Cindy Fricke, Grand Traverse Band  
Mary Gian Norman, YWCA of Greater Flint/SAFE House  
Kathy Hagenian, MCADSV  
Valerie Hoffman, Underground Railroad (Saginaw)  
Doreen Howson, Diane Pepler Resource Center (Sault Ste. Marie)  
Char Kangas, Baraga Co. Shelter Home (L'Anse)  
Mary Keefe, MCADSV  
Jan Mancinelli, Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan (Petoskey)  
Carol Marshall, FBI  
Beth Morrison, HAVEN (Pontiac)  
Emily Newhouse, Barbara Kettle Gundlach Shelter Home for Abused Women (Calumet)  
Barbara Niess, Domestic Violence Project/Safe House (Ann Arbor)  
Jenefer O'Dell, MCADSV, Resource Center  
Leslie O'Reilly, Crime Victim Services Comm.  
Bob Oulette, Family Counseling & Shelter Services of Monroe Co. (Monroe)  
Shirley Pascal, AWARE (Jackson)  
Mary Patterson, Safe Horizons (Port Huron)

Jenny Shoub, Kalamazoo YWCA  
Susan Shoultz, EVE (Lansing)  
Joyce Siegel, Sexual Assault Services of Calhoun County (Battle Creek)  
Jody Smith, RAVE, Inc. (St. Johns)  
Tom Robertson, PACC  
Susan Wittig, BISC-MI  
Amy Youngquist, First Step (Plymouth)

## **Welcome and Introductions**

The April 30, 2004 Michigan Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment Board (MDVPTB) meeting at the Sheraton Lansing Hotel, Lansing, MI, convened at 10:00 a.m. Introductions were made and a welcome extended to guests.

## **BOARD CONSENT**

Review of agenda, approval of February 27, 2004 Board meeting minutes.

**MOTION: Moved by M. Donigan to approve the April 30, 2004 agenda. Seconded by M. Beth Kur. Motion carried.**

**MOTION: Moved by M. Donigan to approve the meeting minutes from February 27, 2004 with the following changes: on page 3 under the update on GTEA, add Cheboygan county. In following next paragraph, add the word "state" so sentence will read "There is some concern because tribes want training in their territory and current state policy does not allow meetings to be held at sites attached to casinos." Seconded by M. Beth Kur. Motion carried.**

## **CHAIR'S REPORT**

A letter to the Michigan Supreme Court has been drafted and is awaiting comments from FIA. C. Hackett Garagiola is currently working with M. Michael from FIA Legal Services regarding this issue. The MDVPTB letter will be sent to the Supreme Court upon M. Michael's approval today.

**MOTION: Moved by M. Beth Kur to send the letter as drafted with any changes by FIA counsel. Seconded by M. Donigan. Motion carried.**

Legislation has been introduced and sent to the Criminal Justice Committee to provide the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner programs a permanent funding source, provided by fees charged through the court to those convicted of criminal sexual conduct. The fund would accrue for one to two years before disbursing funds, at which time MDVPTB would administer the fund. There was support by the Board for the SANE funding legislation contingent upon the two-year set up period and specific citation to MDVPTB. There will be a SANE funding press conference on May 6, 2004 at the Capitol and May 10, 2004 in Royal Oak.

**MOTION: Moved by M. Beth Kur to support the plan for SANE funding contingent on a two-year set up period. Seconded by M. Donigan. Motion carried.**

**MOTION: Moved by L. Rogers to amend the previous motion to specify that the fund would be built up for two years and then specifically channeled to FIA and administered by MDVPTB.**

**Seconded by M. Donigan. Motion carried.**

Discussed HB5685 to exempt evidence obtained from sexual assault evidence kit from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, and HB5692&93 regarding crimes, electronic surveillance, sentencing guidelines and penalties. SB1070 permits a court to order, or a defendant to request, diversion, if the defendant suffers from "mental illness, emotional disturbance, mental disability, or mental retardation." Upon successful completion of the diversion contract, the charges would be dismissed.

**MOTION: Moved by L. Rogers to support HB5685, HB5692, HB5693, and oppose SB1070. Seconded by M. Donigan. Motion carried.**

The Board is satisfied with the legislative update provided by staff.

The Grants To Encourage Arrest project with the Attorney General's office is progressing well. Mike Findley and Erin House are the newest members of the AG's staff.

The Criminal Justice Training Advisory Committee workgroup meeting held on April 7 had great attendance. Some of the issues discussed were availability of interim bond, domestic violence crimes, stalking and PPOs.

#### **The Governance Process: Board Member's Code of Conduct**

The Board affirmed the policy.

#### **Executive Limitations: Emergency Executive Director Succession**

The Board reviewed and approved the report.

**MOTION: Moved by L. Rogers to accept Executive Limitation Report. Seconded by M. Beth Kur. Motion carried.**

#### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – GENERAL OVERVIEW OF WORK TO DATE**

D. Cain reported that STOP funds are being cut by 12.5%, equating to a loss of \$500,000, as population figures from the 2000 census show Michigan's population declined. It may be one year before a decision on how to absorb these cuts will need to be made. More information on this issue will be presented at the June Board meeting.

D.Cain noted that there has been a cut of \$42,000 from FVPSA for domestic violence shelters. There was discussion of the pending FIA budget appropriation of \$75,000 to fund a domestic violence shelter in Barry County. Board members expressed concern about the legislature forcing MDVPTB to fund a program when the funding and quality assurance/monitoring functions have been legislatively delegated to the Board. MDVPTB will communicate with the legislature on this issue.

D. Cain distributed articles authored by MDVPTB staff in an effort to gain national attention for the Board.

D. Cain recently spoke with the board members of the Michigan Women's Commission. As a result of the meeting, MWC has established a domestic violence workgroup. Also, the Department of Natural Resources

will provide space for mirror clings in state park restrooms listing the national toll free domestic violence number.

Patrice Eller, Deputy Director of Adult and Family Services, was introduced and welcomed to the meeting.

D. Cain noted the marriage preservation bill package. There was discussion on the amount of involvement the Board should take on this issue. The Board authorized M. Lovik to do further research and for staff to raise concerns as appropriate. This issue will be discussed further at the June Board meeting.

### **Ends Monitoring**

A Service Provider Panel was assembled to inform the Board regarding key local issues in domestic and sexual violence. Members include J. Mancinelli (Petoskey), J. Siegel (Battle Creek), V. Hoffman (Saginaw), D. Howson (Sault Ste. Marie) and L. Davis (Detroit). Issues such as funding, fund raising, transportation, housing, staff costs, insurance, difficulty reaching people, increased workloads and lack of civil legal services were discussed.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

### **PROCESS EVALUATION**

There were no Board comments.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting ended at 2:30 p.m.

**MOTION: Moved by M. Donigan to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by G. Brown. Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Josie Jubb